

A BUILDING COLLAPSES

And Four Lives Are Lost and Several Injured.

AN UNSTABLE STRUCTURE TOPPLES

Over and Crashes Into a Boarding House—The Victims Are Crushed While Sleeping—Story of the Disaster—The Work of Rescue—The Names of the Killed and Injured.

New York, Oct. 10.—At 3:20 o'clock this morning a seven-story building in course of construction at No. 74 Monroe street was blown down by the gale. It crashed through a two-story building at No. 72, demolishing it completely. Two families with boarders lived at No. 72. They were all buried in the ruins. The list of dead as far as known at noon is as follows:

Mrs. Bertha Kroones, aged 46; Abraham Kroones, aged 9, her son; Mrs. Jennie Steinman, aged 60; Meyer Steinman, aged 31, her son.

The list of injured thus far recovered from the ruins is as follows: George Robinovitz, 29, back sprained and ear cut; Louis Abraham, 72, left leg broken and many contusions; David Kroones, 24, cut about head and body; Fanny Kroones, 22, badly cut about the body; Joseph Brady, 14, head crushed and left leg broken; Timothy Dolan, cuts and bruises; Bessie Abraham, 40, cut about the head; Lewis J. Abraham, 20, contusions of head and body; Maurice Abraham, contusions of head and body.

The building which fell has been in the course of erection for the past two months. It was to have been occupied when completed as a foundry. Ever since the foundation was laid there have been complaints on every side that the structure was a flimsy affair, and many had expressed the belief that it would fall before the roof could be put on. These certainly were not far wrong, for the roof had not been completed ten hours when the building crashed in. It was at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon that the last nail was placed in the roof, and then there were great rejoicings. The workmen put five or six flags up so that the bright stripes would hang over the street, and two kegs of beer were taken up to the top story to add to the general rejoicings.

To this morning's disaster there seems to have been but two eye witnesses, and the story they tell agrees in every particular.

Thomas Welsh is watchman at Hecker's stables, in the rear of the house which fell. It was just 3:30 o'clock when the disaster occurred. It was a wild night. The rain fell in torrents and the wind blew a gale. The watchman says that there was a sort of a mysterious half light in the air which he cannot describe. By it, through the blackness of the night, he saw, as he was preparing to make his round of the stable side wall on the big new building and the slanting sheets of rain as they beat down upon it.

"I'll never forget that night," says Welsh. Even as he looked there came a change in the appearance of the side of the wall. It seemed to the watchman that a big black line suddenly appeared diagonally across it from the top to the bottom. Before Welsh could realize that the dark line was a crack in the wall, there was a low rumbling sound and the seven stories of the building crumbled before his eyes. For a moment Welsh stood amazed. A cloud of dust went up but the pitting rain blotted it out before the watchman could recover himself enough to re-enter the stable.

Walter J. Bryan, of 77 Monroe street, was returning to his home, and he stood at the corner of Pike and Monroe streets, fifty feet away, when the building fell. He saw the big crack in the wall, too, and saw the building topple for an instant before it fell.

"That building," said this witness, "was more badly put up than any that was ever put up by Buddenheek." Buddenheek is the man that went to state's prison for eighteen years for using sand in the building of houses instead of mortar.

When policemen patrolling in the vicinity noticed the scene of the catastrophe, called thither by the noise of the falling building, they found extending half way across the street a mass of debris. On top of it, thirty feet above the street level, two women and a man were making an effort to get to the street, while from the interior of the pile came muffled cries for help that told of the people imprisoned beneath the mass. Calls were sent in for fire engines and ambulances. In the two story house, No. 74 Monroe street, there lived two families, that of Isaac Abraham, consisted of ten persons, including Mr. Abraham's mother and brother. In the upper part of the house lived Michael Kroones and his wife; their son, David, and his wife; two other sons, named Solomon and Abraham, a daughter Annie and two boarders, Jacob Abraham and George Robinovitz.

The three story house to the north, some of the occupants of which were also injured, had on the ground floor the family of Michael J. McGuirk, consisting of five people, all of whom slept in the extension which was crushed in. All of them, however, escaped uninjured. On the second floor there is the family of Joseph Brady, consisting, besides himself, of his wife and four children and one boarder. All of these were sleeping in the extension. They were pinned in their beds when the crash came. All of them are more or less injured but the little boy, Joseph Brady, is the most seriously hurt. His head was caught beneath a beam and crushed and his left leg was broken.

The people, as fast as they were rescued, were taken into the grammar school nearby and attended by doctors from the hospitals. Those who were most badly injured were taken to the hospitals where they could receive more complete treatment.

The bricks and great wooden beams and stones lay in one compact mass. To add to the horror of it all, there were the constant cries of the people imprisoned beneath the mass, imploring the men to hurry and get them out. In the midst of the cries there came the voices of children at times. Once there was a weak voice that was raised in prayer.

The first body, that of Bertha Kroones, was taken out just after 6 o'clock. Half an hour later the women came upon eight-year-old Alexander Abraham, in a cramped condition in one corner of what had been his sleeping room. The boy could talk to the men and he said, "Don't mind me, my mother and father are back of me somewhere," but the men worked on and in ten minutes they had the little fellow free and one of the men carried him in his arms into the school house. He did not seem to be injured in the slightest particular.

The second corpse recovered was taken from the rear of what had been the two-story building. It was that of Meyer Steinman, aged thirty-one years. Then the body of Abraham Kroones, nine years old, was taken out, and an hour later that of Mrs. Jennie Stein-

man, mother of Meyer Steinman, was recovered. Louis I. Abraham and his brother Maurice, who were dug out of the ruins, told of their experience. Louis said that he went to bed just a half hour before the building fell. He had just fallen asleep. Suddenly the crash came. He felt something strike him and he fainted. When he regained consciousness he found himself pinned to his bed. A heavy piece of timber was over his breast. His brother was lying by his side and was also pinned. They talked together until rescued by those on the outside. The injuries of the men are not serious.

DESTRUCTIVE STORM.

A Gale Plays Havoc With Shipping and Damages Much Property on the Northeastern Coast.

New York, Oct. 10.—A storm which broke upon this section shortly after midnight has done great damage on sea and on land. The tracks of the New Jersey Southern railroad between Seabright and Highland Beach, N. J., have been covered with sand washed up by the waves. The fishing smack Louise was driven ashore at Highland Beach and is a total loss. Her crew of ten men were taken off by the life saving crew.

In Seabright and vicinity a number of buildings were unroofed. At Long Island City the big iron tank belonging to the East River company was blown down to within five feet of the foundation. The tank was 260 feet high and 185 feet wide.

The ferry boat Harlem of the Ninety-second street ferry, was disabled on entering her ship at Long Island City. The new engine house at the corner of Steinway and Flushing Avenue, which had reached the height of one and one-half stories was blown down.

In Jersey City the damage is confined to the telegraph, telephone, trolley and electric lighting wires. In three instances horses were killed by coming in contact with live wires.

Off Belle Haven, near Greenwich, Conn., the yacht Verena is ashore, with every prospect of becoming a complete wreck. Assistance has been dispatched for the rescue of the crew, who at last accounts were in the rigging. A two-masted schooner is ashore on the point of Bart Island, and sea breaking over the vessel. Several yachts have been beached at Huntington Gut, near New Rochelle, Long Island Sound. Among them is the yacht of C. O. Iselin, which had been put in readiness for its owner and his bride, nee Goddard, who were expected to arrive from Europe to-day.

At Englewood, N. J., a chimney on the residence of Thomas B. Kerr was blown down. In its fall it killed Miss Mary Kerr, twelve years of age.

During the height of the storm the tug Belle McWilliams, having in tow seven barges loaded with coal, was caught in the gale while trying to make a shelter in Lloyd's Harbor, Long Island Sound. The force of the gale broke the hawsers, and the tug and barges were all driven ashore. The barges had from two to five persons on each of them, and the tug carried a full crew. Four persons who were known to be on the boat are missing.

At about 8 a. m., an unknown schooner was seen off White Stone, Long Island, going before the wind in the direction of New York, her foremast gone and most of her bow torn away. It is not known what became of her crew. A large number of small boats lie wrecked on the shore from Sands Point down to Flushing Bay. At Oyster Bay, Long Island, the sloop Dexter and W. W. Smith were blown ashore. The wind was the strongest and the sea the highest ever experienced there, and much injury has been done to the oyster business. In the interior the apple crop is ruined. In Brooklyn considerable damage was done to buildings, and for a considerable time the street railway traffic was suspended on account of the prostration of electric wires. All the public schools were dismissed for the day.

The velocity of the wind here reached forty-four miles per hour, and at Block Island it rushed along at 72 miles an hour.

The danger from the storm at sea was intensified by a dense fog which settled down over the middle Atlantic and New England coast.

A Schooner Blown Out to Sea.

Newport, R. I., Oct. 10.—An unknown three masted schooner passed the life saving station this forenoon with all her sails gone. She was running helplessly before a northeast gale. The tug Aquidneck was sent to her assistance. When she went outside, however, the schooner had blown to sea. A high sea is running and a fierce gale prevails.

The Storm at Cape May.

CAPE MAY, N. J., Oct. 10.—The severe gale which struck this city last night continued until daylight this morning. All night long there was a heavy east wind accompanied by torrents of rain. The sea is running mountain high and the high tide has completely submerged the meadows.

Five vessels are in sight of the beach and are rolling heavily on the trough of the sea. The life saving crews cannot launch the boats to make even an attempt to board the vessels.

Sir John Astley Dead.

LONDON, Oct. 10.—Sir John Astley, the well known sportsman, is dead. He will be remembered in the United States as the giver of the famous Astley belt, which was so much coveted during the craze for long distance pedestrian contests.

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AMERICAN COMMERCE

Seriously Menaced by the Decision of the Chinese Government to Impose a Transit Duty.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10.—It is said at the state department that American and other commerce is more seriously menaced by the decision of the Chinese government to impose a transit tax on goods than by anything that has occurred since the war began. This tax is well known to diplomats under the name of Lekin. It is a species of internal revenue tax and is levied on all goods, imports or exports, passing through China. It is a terrible restraint upon commerce for it is levied repeatedly at every town through which the goods pass, and accumulates with rapidity to a total that is actually prohibitive upon a large class of goods, which our merchants have just succeeded in introducing, after painful efforts, into interior China.

For fifty years all of the commercial powers have been united in the effort to secure its abolition. They finally obtained from the Chinese government an arrangement by which imported goods should be taxed only once, upon entry, and the Lekin was abolished, to the great benefit of trade. If it is again to be imposed fear is expressed that it will be almost a permanent tax, as, even in the event of a speedy restoration of peace, the revenue secured will be needed by the Chinese government to pay the enormous war indemnity that will certainly be exacted by Japan.

YALE STUDENTS

Pass Resolutions on the Death of Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., Oct. 10.—A mass meeting of the students of Yale University was held in the Old Alumni hall last night to pass resolutions on the death of Oliver Wendell Holmes. Roswell P. Mason, class of '95, of Chicago, Ill., chairman of the board of directors of the Yale Daily News, presided. Several speeches were made by upper class men and the following resolutions were drawn up and unanimously adopted by the meeting:

WHEREAS, It has pleased God to take from us our beloved friend, Oliver Wendell Holmes, and

WHEREAS, Though our nation and the world of literature are bereaved by his death, yet especially shall we, as university men, to whom he always stood in the place of a sympathetic companion, miss the encouragement and example of his life among us; be it

Resolved, That we, the students of Yale University, make known our sense of the loss we have sustained, and do from our hearts extend our sympathy to his family and friends and to the sister university with which he was most closely connected.

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